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SUBJECT; PROPOSED US-BRAZILIAN SOYBEAN TECHNICAL CONSULTATIVE GROUP

REF: (A) STATE 237112; (B) BRASILIA 8536

1. ON OCTOBER 11, THE CHIEF OF THE FONMIN'S BASIC PRODUCTS DIVISION, PAULO DYRCEU PINHEIRO, DISCUSSED WITH EMBOFF THE GOB'S EXPECTED RESPONSE TO THE PROPOSAL FOR A SOYBEAN TECHNICAL GROUP (STG). PINHEIRO SAID THE FORIEGN MINISTRY WOULD RESPOND OFFICIALLY AFTER IT HAD HEARD THE VIEWS OF FINANCE MINISTER SIMONSEN AND CACEX DIRECTOR MOREIRA. PINHEIRO REMARKED THAT AN INTERMINISTERAL GROUP HAD DECIDED IN PRINCIPLE TO SUPPORT THE STG WITH CERTAIN QUALIFICATIONS. THEY ARE:

(A) THE STG WOULD BE CONSITITUTED ONLY FOR AN "EXPERIMENTAL PHASE"; AN EVALUATION OF THE STG'S UTILITY WOULD BE MADE AFTER SOME EXPERICENCE WITH THE STG;

(B) THE MANDATE SHOULD NOT INCLUDE TRADE POLICY, CONSISTENT WITH US VIEWS (REFA, PARA 2);

(C) REGARDING INFORMATION EXCHANGE, THE GOB WOULD LIKE THE LIBERTY TO SELECT WHAT DATA TO FURNISH THE US(PINHEIRO NOTED THAT CACEX AMONG OTHERS WAS CONCERNED ABOUT THE REIGHT OF SELECTIVITY);

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(D) THERE OUGHT TO BE MUTUALLY AGREED ANNUAL PROGRMS

ON MARKET DEVELOPMENT AND TECHNOLOGY EXCHANGE; STG ACTIVITIES
WOULD BE LIMITED TO THOSE SPECIFIED IN THE PROGRAMS.

2. IN REFERENCE TO EMBOFF'S PRESENTATION ON MEMBERSHIP
(REF A, PARA 3), PINHEIRO REPLIED THE FOREIGN MINISTRY WOULD
HAVE A REPRESENTATIVE ON THE STG, BUT DECISIONS HAD NOT BEEN
MADE ON WHETHER OTHER AGENCIES WOULD HAVE TO BE PRESENT.

3. PINHEIRO SAID THE STG, AS FAR AS THE GOB IS CONCERNED,
WOULD HAVE TO BE STRICTLY INTERGOVERNMENTAL (NO PRIVATE
PARTICIPANTS), "JUST LIKE OTHER BODIES CREATED UNDER THE
KISSINGER/SILVEIRA MOU". THE PRIVATE SOYBEAN SECTOR IN
BRAZIL, HE OBSERVED, WAS UNPREPARED TO PARTICIPATE. PINHEIRO
SAID THE GOB WOULD NOT OBJECT IF THE US PARTICIPANTS
WERE TO MAKE USE OF DATA FROM PRIVATE GROUPS (E.G.,
ASA, ASPA).
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